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*have a very merry.....  
...commercialized x-mas*

by wayne vincent

Santa Claus was born in the mind of J. C. Penny, founder of one of the nation's largest department store chains!

Shocking thought? Historically untrue? Never mind. If Penny didn't actually invent our modern commercialized version of the third century Saint Nicholas, some other mogul of merchandising certainly did. And the result? An America crawling with Clauses, toy-pushers extraordinary. One wonders.... Is this Santa the true meaning of Christmas?

"Our store will now be open from 9 AM to 9 PM every day until X-mas Eve — for **your** convenience." So the placards read. "And for **their** profit" one is tempted to add, since "X-mas" as opposed to Christmas means big business: doubled inventories, impulse buying, the last minute rush, and cherubic children (looking for all the world like Tiny Tims) transformed suddenly into conspicuous demanders, if not yet consumers. One wonders though.... Is supply and demand the true meaning of Christmas?

The Yuletide means crime as well as commerce, however. Shoplifters, pickpockets, and thieves rub shoulders with Salvation Army street details, unwary shoppers, and mercenary merchants, robbing them all. Some Salvationists have even resorted to carrying weapons for fear of being mugged. Affluence apparently has its dangers. But one wonders.... Is danger the true meaning at Christmas?

Tinsel, glitter, plastic jeeps with four wheel drive (only \$47.95 at your nearest....), dolls that walk and talk and nearly everything else except reproduce (but wait until next year!), gimme-gimme-gimme and buy-buy-buy, "Deck the Halls...." with "X-mas Values" ad nauseam!

Is THAT the true meaning of Christmas?

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*he may have changed  
but to many people  
santa's still the same*

by joe kennedy

Jolly old Saint Nicholas is truly an **old** man! He was an actual, flesh and blood man born about 1600 years ago in what is today Lycia, Turkey.

As legend has it, he was only a small boy when he became a bishop. He was very kind and did many generous things for poor and needy people. In fact, he was so fond of them that he constantly brought them presents.

After he died, his fame spread throughout the world. He was named by the Medieval Church as patron saint of schoolboys, and it became their custom to honor him on December 6.

Thereafter many countries

devised new names for him and ways of honoring him. Yet in most places he continued to represent a saintly man who rewarded good and usually poor children with gifts at certain times of the year.

The "Santa Claus" we think of today (Santa as fat jolly old elf, dressed in a bright red suit) was first pictured by writers and painters at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

He has come a long way, perhaps, from his early days in Lycia, but (no doubt about it!) he still lives in the minds of millions of children from six to 60 and from Turkey all the way to Ft. Defiance.

# GOING HOME

corps is scheduled to leave tomorrow, but will be welcomed back by midterms

by wayne vincent

For the 107th time, Augusta cadets will spend Christmas at home. This year's 19 day holiday break will begin on December 16 at 12 noon and will end on January 4 with cadets returning at 7 PM. All cadets with either Honor Roll in the second marking period or Privilege List in the first and second marking periods will return at 7 PM, January 5.

Midterm examinations will

## ex-cadet hillsman discusses citadel

by bret decesari

What is it like to go to a military college? Not easy, according to Mark Hillsman, former sergeant in Band Company. On leave from the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, Hillsman spoke to AMA juniors and seniors on November 19.

Now a Citadel corporal and sophomore, Hillsman explained the daily schedule at his school:

"You wake up at 6:15 and eat at 7:00. Classes start at 8:00 and terminate at 3:00. Drill is on Tuesdays and lasts only 45 minutes. Parades are on Friday, leaving weekends open for other activities. These activities include flying, yachting, and swimming at nearby

beaches. On Sunday, chapel service is required."

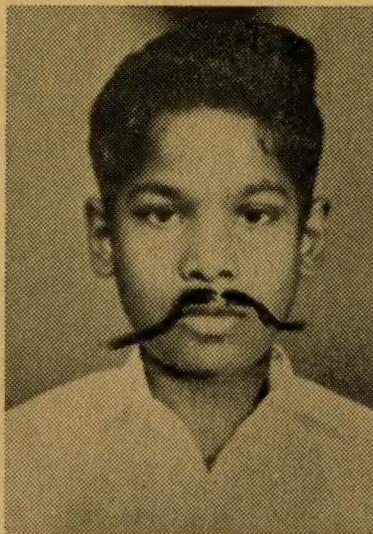
Hillsman closed with a few words of advice. He suggested that any AMA upperclassmen interested in applying to military colleges be ready to work hard, harder than they ever have before. He stated that "a Citadel cadet must really want to work; he can't be undecided and wonder if a military college is the best thing for him; he has to decide that it is long before he ever arrives."

## poll results late

Recently a poll was taken of the U. S. History and Government students at AMA. The poll was an extensive political survey. Unfortunately, because of time limitations, the results of this poll are not available for publication in this issue. Be sure to look for the poll results in the next Bayonet.



Cadet Capt. Grif Lohman leads "C" Company down the parade route in the Veterans' Day parade in Harrisonburg on November 11. The entire corps marched on the holiday, highlighting the parade.



Sankar, AMA's foster child

## Frito Bandito sponsored child sends appreciation

My dear loving sponsors,

I am so happy to hear that I have become your sponsored boy. I think I am very lucky in becoming your ward. I am happy about it. I think you may like to know more about me and my family. So I tell you about me.

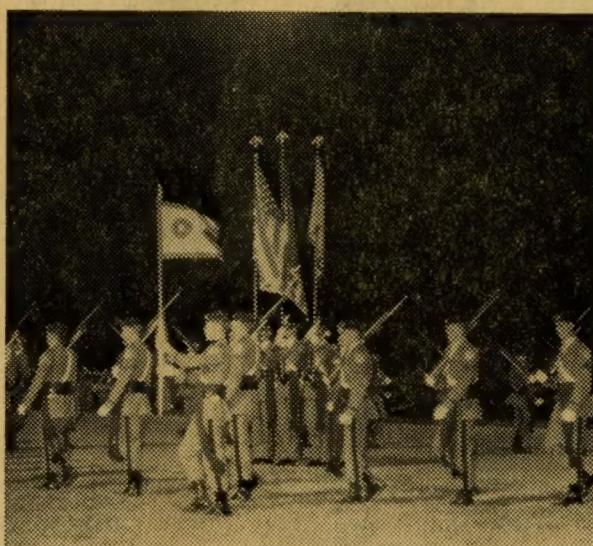
My name is Sankar. I am 13 years old. I am studying in the 8th standard in Bishop Heber High School Puthur Trichy. There are 1200 boys studying in my school. There are 50 teachers working in my school. Mr. D. Relton is our headmaster. There are many playgrounds in my school. I play football in the evenings. I learn Tamil, English, Math, Science, History, and Geography at school. I like reading math. There is a beautiful garden in my school.

My father's name is Grovindasami. He is 42 years old. He works in a grocery shop. My mother's name is Kaveri, 34 years old. I have three younger brothers. They are Kunasekar, Sugumar, and Mohandas. The first two brothers are studying in the 6th and 4th standards. The third brother is not yet put to school. My house is a small one. As my father and my mother are living in a different place, I am with my grandmother. My grandmother is selling iddies (rice cakes) for her living. I thank God for I had the chance of having you as my sponsor.

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your loving sponsor boy,  
G. Sankar  
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Sankar's address is—G. SANKAR

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The Charles S. Roller Rifles perform during the halftime activities of the SMA football game, Halloween night. Commander, Cadet Maj. Doug Pennock, also led his crack unit to first place in Waynesboro on November 4.

to help corps

## sabre club meets, selects officers

by wayne vincent

For the second consecutive year, cadet officers of the corps have formed an organization through which they can meet and discuss problems. The organization, called the Sabre Club, is headed this year by president Bob Mallett, who is a 2nd Lieutenant in Delta Company. Other officers of the club are 1st Sgt. Steve Traylor, sec-

etary, and 2nd Lt. Brian McCabe, treasurer.

Membership rates are \$5.00 with monthly dues of \$1.50. Quarters for the club are located in the shack beside Band Barracks. The interior contains two couches, a recliner, a stereo donated by SFC Donald Studer, (a former military instructor at AMA), and a few odds and ends. Only sabre bearing and faculty officers are permitted to enter the clubhouse.

The club will be open every afternoon when no drill is scheduled. It will be open all day Saturdays and after parade every Sunday.

## conrac sells cadets on army

by doug driscoll

Three officers from the Continental Army Command (CONARC) spoke to AMA cadets in the Big Room on December 6. The officers, Maj. Baker, Capt. Sandstrom, and Spec. 5 Churetta, showed and narrated a film explaining the role of CONARC in today's Army.

The three gentlemen, serving at Fort Monroe, Virginia, noted that 47 per cent of the entire Army is under CONARC control. CONARC is also the initiator of VOLAR (Volunteer Army), and Maj. Baker stated in an interview that although there are some wrinkles in the program, he expects higher caliber fighting men once the program is fully in operation.

Also on December 6, the CONARC representatives visited Staunton Military Academy. They plan to visit other area schools with ROTC and JROTC programs, including the University of Virginia.



Harrisonburg was just part of a busy schedule for Cadet Capt. Herb Maher and Band Company. Besides presenting a concert after the Harrisonburg parade, the Band has marched in parades in Waynesboro and Richmond.

expensive

## planes bring new pastime to cadets

by bret descesari

Flying remote control airplanes, a popular pastime throughout the country, has finally descended on AMA. Cadet Max Rodriguez recently obtained permission from Col. Malcolm H. Livick, AMA Superintendent, to fly his radio control P-51 mustang on the front field.

Although Rodriguez has flown before in his native country, Guatemala, his first attempt at Augusta was somewhat less than an unqualified success. With about 50 interested cadets and Col. Livick rooting from the Blacktop, he finally managed to bring his engine roaring to life after trying for ten minutes. Unfortunately the "quick" liftoff was followed by an even quicker crash-landing.

undefeated

## range rats score tenth straight

by joe kennedy

Earning their tenth consecutive victory the AMA rifle team downed the Fishburne Military School rifle team by a margin of 200 points on December 7. The final score was 1222 to 1022.

The rifle teams new coach, Sergeant Donald Barger, has proved himself and his team outstanding.

Trying to explain what it's like to fire in a match, team manager and member Jim Hash said this: "You just don't know what it's like going through a match. Any other sport your body's drained, but in a rifle match your head is drained."

In a match the five highest scores on the team are totaled. The shooters use the prone, kneeling, and standing positions.

Firing in the Texas A and I tournament the team fired over 1300, which was a ~~first~~ for the team.

High fliers for the year are Jay Hunter and Carlos Perez. Other members of the team include team captain Tom Del Valle, Louie Kennet, Mike Kidd, and Mike Martens.

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2 points

AMA's Phil Ware maneuvers past two Lynchburg Kernels to score easily for Augusta.

The Streaks lost, 75-69.

Coach Hogg predicts success, however, noting that the Streaks have both the potential and the team spirit necessary for victory.

Top scorers for the team so far are Phil Ware with an average of 25 points, Howard Vaughn with 14 points, and Russell Wells with 9 points.

# basketball

## streaks lose two, but look out!

by carl kellogg

AMA's Blue Streaks opened their 1971-72 basketball season with two close losses. They were defeated by Lynchburg College's JV team, 75-69, and by Madison College's "B" squad, 74-63.

The Blue Streaks hung close in both games. They were hurt most, however, in the fourth quarters when their attempts to even the scores were stymied by opposition fouling and clock-stopping.

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## BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Augusta	FG	FT	TP
Wells	7	4-6	18
Wilson	1	0-0	2
Hamilton	3	1-2	7
Vaughn	6	1-2	13
Ware	10	7-12	27
Gordon	0	2-2	2
Carter	0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>69</b>

### Lynchburg Coll. JV

FG	FT	TP
Christian	7	2-2
Chelak	13	5-7
Flynn	1	2-3
Rorke	2	1-2
Carter	2	1-2
Anderson	1	0-1
Downing	4	4-4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15-21</b>
Lynchburg	13	23
Augusta	15	22
	19	13
	—	—
	69	

Augusta	FG	FT	TP
Wells	0	0-0	0
Wilson	2	6-9	10
Hamilton	5	1-4	11
Vaughn	6	3-4	15
Livick	0	0-0	0
Ware	10	3-4	23
Gordon	1	0-0	2
Carter	0	2-2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15-23</b>	<b>63</b>

Madison Coll. JV	FG	FT	TP
Vines	6	6-8	18
Smith	4	6-6	14
Walton	0	1-3	1
Richmond	1	3-5	5
Carter	1	0-0	2
Moyers	5	0-1	10
Davis	3	3-3	9
Jefferson	3	9-11	15
Cummings	0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28-37</b>	<b>74</b>
Madison	20	14	20
Augusta	10	18	22
	22	13	—
	63		

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## "B's" end as only fall victors

by don malnati

AMA's Varsity "B" team ended its football season Tuesday, November 31 with a 12-8 victory over Greenbrier Military School. With regular-play quarterback Tom Peifer out for the season, P. J. Thomson led the Baby Streaks in a final romp that left them, for the first time in 12 years, with a winning tally: three wins, two losses, and one tie.

Augusta seized possession

of the ball early in the first quarter. Thomson then handed the ball to Sam Cox who raced 45 yards for the touchdown. However, Greenbrier's Tom Hegg scored in the second quarter with a successful two point conversion to put GMS ahead, 8-6.

Second half action was restricted to the final minutes, although AMA's persistent offense neared the goal several

times. With a mere two minutes to go, Thomson plunged through the GMS line to push the Blue Streaks ahead, 12-8. Rugged defense-men held Greenbrier at bay until the final gun.

First year Varsity "B" coaches Silvert Josephson and Merlyn Wright, both ROTC instructors at the Academy, were pleased with the team and the effort put into the winning season.

*new world*

### anxiety reigns for new fencers

by rick schulherr

Every beginner is a little bit anxious his first day fencing.

He doesn't quite know what he is doing in Hoover Hall, but he wants to fence. Maybe he's seen some old Three Musketeer movies, who knows?

He is told to get a blade and a mask and does so. Someone asks, "What are you fencing?" Of course, he's been asking around about this, and he says with a confident air, "Epee." He is then told to put back the sabre he has in his hand and is given an epee blade.

"This is how you advance . . . and retreat." The neophyte then practices these two basic maneuvers, hoping the day will come when he can execute them correctly.



Bandman, Jeff Irish, looks to find a receiver on dimly lit Cow Patty Beach. Nearly missing the TD, Band tied C, 7-7.

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Band Barracks dons new face just before the Staunton game, October 30. The Streaks lost, despite the effort.

### streaks rout fms in shriners' game

by joe kennedy

Satisfying an old rivalry and ending another football season, the AMA Blue Streaks defeated Fishburne Military School 56-8 in the First Annual Shrine Bowl.

Warren Fleming set up the first score with an interception from Rick Whitsel. Two downs later on a well executed play, Russell Wells caught a touch-

### wrestling pinned, swimming sinks

Augusta's Athletic Department attempted once again this year to start wrestling and swimming teams.

Lack of wrestling equipment (in particular, a mat) caused the doom of that sport. Many potential wrestlers joined other, better-equipped teams.

Another sport that "went under" for the third year in a row was swimming. Capt. Carl Browning, the would-be coach said, "I had 15 days of practice with 15 different teams. There are too many people interested in other things."

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## with a little bit of help BAYONET could serve a purpose

by doug driscoll

"Can't the Bayonet come out more often?"

"How come it's so short?"

"There's nothing particularly exciting in it. I read it in about two minutes and threw it away!"

These are comments that greet my ears after every new issue of the Bayonet. And there is a lot of truth to them. But consider for a moment. Who's fault is it that nothing very newsworthy happens around AMA? Who makes the news? It should be the corps, but unfortunately we seem to have a very boring corps this year. If cadets would go somewhere besides their beds every afternoon, there would be a lot happening, which would result in a lot more news, which (in turn) would result in a lot more issues of the Bayonet.

We realize that just because the Bayonet staff asks you to

## intramural points, bad for eggheads, athletes

Questions have been raised recently about the incorporation of intramurals in the SAI's company competition system.

Athletics, being vital to physical fitness, are or should be an important part of everyone's life and should be made mandatory in one form or another for cadets. However, the fairness of including intramurals in the competition for the "Best Company" Cup is open to doubt.

Intramurals were included in company competition so that the competition would reflect all aspects of AMA cadet life. But as it stands now the grading system used for the competition works unevenly and, therefore, unfairly.

First, not all companies are blessed with enough athletic talent to field a winning team in any sport. These companies, although they could focus their efforts in other categories of company competition, are left with the raw end of the deal. If, in fact, this is the case, intramurals should probably be dropped from the competition altogether, and the stakes for intramurals

ghost?

## alfredo question... .....unanswerable

by bret decesari

A number of rumors and stories have been circulating through barracks lately about a ghost named Alfredo. Separating fact from fiction is almost impossible when something is magnified as enormously as this rumor has been.

Captain Alfredo Arnaldo y Bras was head of the Spanish Department here at Augusta from 1946 until 1948. In 1948 he left AMA for Middlebury, Vermont to attend college there. During that same year he suddenly died.



Alfredo Arnaldo

According to Col. Paul V. Hoover, "Alfredo died in a car accident on his way to Washington, DC, when his car failed to make a turn. They found

his car the next day but couldn't locate his body until a week later." Much to Col. Hoover's surprise, "Capt. Arnaldo was cremated and his ashes sent to his mother in Paris." Alfredo was Roman Catholic, and as a rule the Church forbids cremation.

When Col. Malcolm H. Livick, AMA Superintendent, was confronted with the Alfredo mystery in a recent interview, he replied, "The man is dead and should be left alone. It is true that he was a teacher here and lived in the Fourth Stoop Tower. However, the story about his being a ghost is told only to scare cadets in Junior Barracks."

by doug driscoll

Col. Charles E. Savedge, AMA Headmaster, refused to say anything at all about the mystery. However, a letter recently received by Cadet Capt. Richard Whitaker from an anonymous alumnus sheds new light on the supposed ghost. This letter reveals that the ghost never existed and that stories of its haunting Big Barracks were started in 1965 as a joke!

Even so strange reports continue to filter out of the Fourth Stoop Tower. When Cadet Slagle, who occupies Alfredo's old quarters—room 9, was interviewed, he stated, "I hear heartbeats every night." Cadet Pico-Seda, his roommate, keeps a statue to ward off evil spirits.



## LETTERS the voice of the unheard

To the Editor-in-Chief:

I just received my first issue of the Bayonet here at school and I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed it. It is a pleasure to read about friends and former classmates and about the activities that are taking place. In short, it makes me feel as though I am still a small part of AMA even though I have graduated.

Daniel E. Rapp  
AMA Class of 1971

**Editor's Note:** Dan is now attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To the Editor:

As I look back on AMA's Fall sports program, I realize just how disappointing it was. There was a lack of enthusiasm and spirit on the part of both the corps and the faculty. I'm also disappointed about the lack of praise given to the Varsity "B" football team.

Athletics have lacked emphasis at AMA this year. In fact, some sports such as track, cross country, wrestling, and swimming haven't even gotten off the ground for several years.

I am really upset because the "B's" winning season this Fall went virtually unnoticed. I suggest that some individuals take a second look at the effort put forth by the Varsity "B" team.

Larry Nicholson

# 'HEY DICK...READ THIS'

by doug driscoll

"Don! Don! Wake up, Don!"

"Huh? What? Who is it?"

"Quick, give me two heads for student life."

"Huh? Oh. Ah..... 'Student Life.' "

Is this any way to run a yearbook? Apparently so since AMA's **Recall** staff not only has run into situations like the one described above, but also has gained national recognition as the pace-setter in yearbooking today. According to Mr. James Paschal, executive director of Future Journalists of America, "If the perfect yearbook is published, we expect **Recall** to be it."

Why? "Col. Charles E. Savedge," says Editor Dick Whitaker, "He is, by far, the most knowledgeable man in yearbook today."

The **Recall** staff is small and highly organized. Whitaker says that while most yearbook staffs have

from 50 to 60 members, they come out with smaller and less complete annuals.

**Recall** staffers aren't given specialized jobs. The only titles are Editor (Whitaker), Co-Editor (Don Malfatti), and Assistant Editor (Dave Zook). Other **Recall** members are considered Subordinate Editors. To a considerable extent, each staffer is responsible for everything. "Don and I went out and got ads ourselves this year and got very good results," says Whitaker. Most yearbook staffs would have an advertising editor to do that.

Every morning, before Soupy, Whitaker wakes up Doc (Col. Savedge) with a cup of coffee and the morning newspaper. This is one of the more important responsibilities that has been handed down through the years from editor to editor.

A staff member's day usually starts around 2:30 in the afternoon. Soupy (SRC) is the day's most disruptive event since at that time all work stops and usually doesn't pick up again until after Study Hall.

For some lucky individuals, work often continues until early morning.

Finding cadets who will sacrifice time and energy for the **Recall** is a difficult task. "I've had lots of problems this year with organization; people saying they will work and don't," says Whitaker.

When asked what staffers get for their often strenuous labors, Whitaker replied, "The satisfaction of seeing your own creation is the ultimate benefit of being on the staff." He added, "It is an honor being the editor of **Recall**. That honor is amplified in an assemblage of yearbook knowledgeables. When people see Doc and us, they know we are **Recall** and they know we are the best."

The corps can expect a few changes in the 1972 **Recall**. For one thing it will be a more colorful book. Also, it will be distributed in the summer and will cover the entire year. In previous years, it was distributed during Final Examinations but covered only the activities of the fall and winter months.

## beatles would improve 'Imagine'

by doug driscoll

and wayne vincent

John Lennon has done it again. On his album, "Imagine," he attacks Paul McCartney, dreams about a world of peace and harmony, and illustrates his deepest personal feelings. It is a completely different album than his first solo recording, "Workingman's Hero." "Imagine" is Lennon's autobiography — a collection of songs dealing with his childhood, his disillusion, and a new-found self.

A year ago, Lennon decided to go back to the simplistic style of music like "I Want To Hold Your Hand," so his first solo album was recorded with only two other musicians. This



Lennon on 'Imagine'

time, John filled the bill with over twenty musicians appearing in the album. These include such names as George Harrison, Nicky Hopkins, King Curtis, and Mike Pinder of the Moody Blues.

The album comes solely from Lennon's guts. It is loaded with his insecurities and fears and wades straight into some of his more controversial hatreds. He spits disgust at "Tricky Dicky"

## and the doors play on

by jim hash

The death of lead-vocalist Jim Morrison horrified many of the Doors' fans. Questions, such as "Will the remaining group break up or continue minus Morrison?" floated un-

(who is really none of his business anyway) and condemns McCartney as a lousy musician and a generally rotten human being.

At this stage, however, Lennon could probably use McCartney, as his music seems to be regressing from bad to worse. He doesn't have the voice to record solo. His lyrics are monotonous. The only things he has going for him are his name and his former association with the Beatles.

easily through the world of Rock. Those questions were answered as "Other Voices," the Doors' latest album, was placed on the market last month.

Organist Ray Manzarek and guitarist Robbie Krieger reveal unsuspected vocal talent in the new album, while they continue to be the competent musicians they've always been. Their novel voices make the Doors' new post-Morrison sound exciting and different. At the same time, their unaltered instrumental skill keeps the album technically in line with "L.A. Woman," the group's last recording.

"Other Voices," in short, is well conceived, chock full of color, a mixture of the old and the new. It marks a terrific comeback for the Doors after Jim Morrison's unfortunate death.

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